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In re Application of:)

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Examiner: Malgorzata A. TECHICKA, Ph.D.

Serial No.: 09/470,667)

Art Unit: 1652

Filed: December 22, 1999)

For: **NOVEL ALCOHOL/ALDEHYDE
DEHYDROGENASES**)

New York, New York
August 11, 2003

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box. 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 10, 2003, and a telephonic Examiner's Interview between the Examiner and the undersigned conducted on July 25, 2003 ("Interview"). The Office Action set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed with an executed certificate of mailing on or before August 11, 2003, because August 10, 2003 was a Sunday. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Amendment Dated: August 11, 2003
Reply to Office Action of: March 10, 2003

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS: none.

REMARKS begin on page 11 of this paper.